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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Suhan Ni
Primary Examiner
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is a supplemental responsive to the claims filed 11/21/2003.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-5 are allowed.

The present invention is directed to a speaker device. All cited prior art show a similar structured speaker device, comprising: a magnetic circuit including a magnet and a yoke; a voice coil which placed in a magnetic gap of said magnetic circuit; a diaphragm which is vibrating available in a state where said diaphragm is coupled with said voice coil; and a damper which is placed between a portion of said diaphragm on a side of said voice coil and a housing. But none of the prior art teaches that said speaker device has a damper holder, which is disposed on said housing, and to which said damper is connected, and said housing and said damper holder are contact with each other via projections which are disposed on one of said housing and said damper holder as claimed. Those distinct features have been included to the sole independent claim and render the application to be allowable.

Conclusion

3. The prior art of U.S. Patent made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
4. The prior art of Foreign Patent Documents have not made of record, since there is no copy of each of listed foreign patent provided by the applicant. Please provide a copy of JP-56-

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15196 and **JP-57-106387** with proper **English Translation** in next communication for consideration.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment on the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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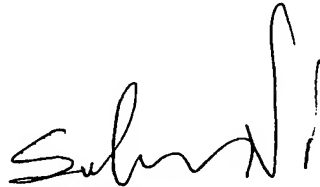
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October 1, 2005

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SUHANNI
PRIMARY EXAMINER